GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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DELAY IN DISPOSAL OF PENDING CASES BY WCL
Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a mass movement was organized in WCL areas by Public Representatives and displaced families against the delay in disposal of the pending cases related to their resettlement, employment and monetary compensation;

(b) If so, the details of the issues raised by the displaced persons and their representatives during this mass movement; and

(c) The action taken or proposed to be taken for the disposal of the said pending cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): As reported by CIL, a gate meeting was organized on 23rd July, 2005 by Shri Hansraj G. Ahir, Hon`ble Member of Parliament demanding resettlement of land oustees.

(b) & (c): The details of issues raised and action taken by Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) management are as under:

(i) Employment to the land oustees of Sripur Village acquired for Makardhokra-IX OC of Umrer Area:

The land measuring 75.64 hectares was acquired during 2001 under Land Acquisition Act, 1894 vide notification dated 20.7.2001. There are total 98 landowners. So far only 18.78 hectares of land is under possession of Umrer Area. Special Land Acquisition Officer has been making all efforts for disbursement of awarded money to land oustees, but so far 34 persons have accepted the compensation. The remaining land oustees are demanding employment in addition to compensation.

Employment can be considered within the confines of Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy of Coal India Limited.

(ii) Land acquisition and rehabilitation of Yakona and Marda Project of Majri Area:

The land for Yakona and Marda has been acquired but the same is yet to be taken into physical possession. The villagers are demanding that entire land may be acquired and employment should be provided. 651 hectares of land in Yakona village and 852 hectares of land in Marda village has been acquired from State Government. Area notified under 9 (1) for Yakona -II OC and area notified under section 4 (1) for Yakona -I OC under Coal Bearing Areas (A&D) Act, 1957 has been acquired as under:

Village	Notified u/s 9 (1) of CBA Act for Yakona -II OC	Notified u/s 4(1)of CBA Act for Yakona -I OC	Likely requirement of land
Yakona	187.37 hectares	50.17 hectares	237.54 hectares
Marda	234.33 hectares	40.65 hectares	274.98 hectares

WCL acquires land as per requirement of the project and endeavor is made to acquire bare minimum land. Resettlement and rehabilitation of the project affected people are under taken as per R & R Policy of CIL.

(iii) Valuation of Trees of Dhorwasa OCP of Majri Area:

It was contended out that the valuation of trees standing in the acquired area under plot number 101,103, 104 and 105 within Dhorwasa OCP has not been done properly.

It has been clarified by WCL Management that valuation of trees of Dhorwasa OCP has been done by Horticulture and Forest Department of Government of Maharashtra.